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random key generation with detection of undesirable random numbers

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random key generation with detection of writing errors



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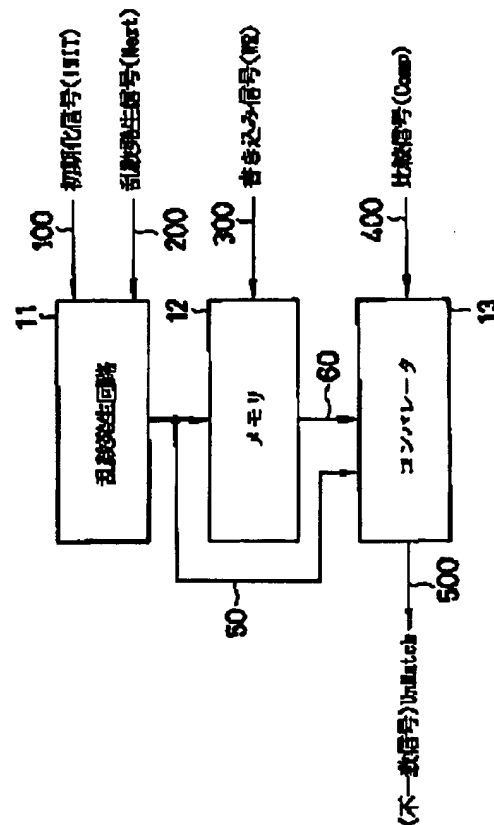
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TITLE : LOW VOLTAGE DETECTING CIRCUIT
AND MICROCOMPUTER



ABSTRACT : PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To stabilize the operation of a microcomputer by preventing the microcomputer from being reset until the normal operating border voltage of the microcomputer.

SOLUTION: A random number generated in a prescribed cycle from a random number generating circuit 11 is written in a memory 12. The random number written in the memory 12 is read, and compared with the original number generated from the random generation circuit 11 by a comparator 13. The random number generating circuit 11 and the comparator 13 have a low threshold value V_g which is the same as that of a microcomputer which is not shown in a figure, and the memory 12 has a little higher threshold value V_m than the threshold value V_g . Therefore, when an operating voltage VDD of the microcomputer and a low voltage detecting circuit is decreased to a voltage between the threshold values V_m and V_g , the malfunction of the memory 12 is operated, and the comparator 13 outputs an unmatch signal 500 for resetting the microcomputer. The threshold value V_m is set a little higher than the threshold value V_g so that the microcomputer can be reset until the operating voltage VDD is decreased to a voltage extremely close to the operable border voltage of the microcomputer.

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